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NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1889.

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ALL THE LATEST NEWS

THE GIANTS

Another Big Batch of Polo Ground Petitions Sent In.

The Decision Will Be Reported by the Committee To-Day.

It Is Hoped That It May He Favorable to the National Game,

The decision of the Aldermanic Committee touching the grading of One Hundred and Eleventh street through the Polo Grounds will e reported to the Board of Aldermen to-day. Chairman Divver said this morning that no one knew in advance what this decision would be. The wiseacres on both sides had done a good deal of surmising, but the Committee had kept

THE EVENING WORLD, believing that the Pole Grounds were not secure until secured, started a popular petition addressed to the Board of Aldermen, last Friday. The next morning some of our contemporaries discovered that a favorable report was a certainty. Well, when THE EVENING WORLD takes hold of a thing you can depend on something happening.

Early Saturday morning the signed petitions Early Saturday morning the signed petitions began to pour into The Evening Wonld office. In cased numbers 1,016 petitions were received in the early mail, and were sent to Aderman Divver. Later in the day another large batch, received from later mails, was also forwarded. This morning still another big mass of petitions came to The Evening World office by mail and messenger. Three of our arithmetical young mor engaged in counting them found 1,309 names.

This movement of The Evening World's to insure the retention of the Polo Grounds has aronsed enthusiasm in the baseball public, and hundreds of letters, of which a few are given below, have accommanted the signed petitions. The enterprising Sporting Times yesterday quoted The Evening World's Infill, and a good many petitions have been received from that source.

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But The Evenino World claims no especial credit in this matter. It has merely done what it could to avert a serious calamity to the National game in this town. If its influence has aided in any degree in the proper solution of the Polo Ground difficulty it is satisfied.

Following is the petition of The Evenine World will continue in a cheerful way to bombard the Committee with these signed petitions until the final decision is reached. Put your name on it and send it in at once:

"The EVENING WORLD PETITION!

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To the Board of Aldermen of New Fork City:
The undersigned, residents of New York and vicinity and admirers of the National game, believing that it is not inconsistent with the majority of private interests involved, and knowing that it is in accordance with the desire and sentiments of the great majority of the public, that the Polo Grounds shall not be rendered unit for baseball playing this season by the grading of One Hundred and Eleventh street through the grounds.

grounds.

Hereby petition your honorable body that no action providing for the grading of said street through the Pole Grounds shall be taken until after Oct. 1 next, thereby enabling the Pole Grounds to be used by the New York baseball Grounds to be used by the New York baseball public and its champion nine this season and affording ample time for the securing of permanent grounds for use in future seasons. We base this petition purely upon public grounds, in the belief that the interests of the National game in the National metropolis merit the consideration and encouragement of the constituted authorities.

Here are a few of the multitude of letters re-served from interested readers: Right in Two Things.

To the Editor of The Evening World:
Inclosed you will find a list of a few of my friends in Harlem who want the Polo Grounds where they are until October. All think your way is a good one. I am a reader of The Evannu World and I am a strong Republican.
Iours, STEPHEN I. CUMINIOS,
New York, March 62, 409 Pleasant avenue. New York, March 23.

Paste on Paper for Additional Names.
To the Editor of The Evening World:

Hope you will be successful in the undertaking of saying the Polo Grounds. Send me blanks, and I will pledge you 100 names. Respectfully, G. H. Daving, Manager Artington House.

Hopes and Compliments. To the Editor of The Evening World: Hurrah for your petition for the retention of

the Polo Grounds until October. No doubt you will succeed. With your prestige and public spirit it is almost impossible for the Aldermen to refuse. Inclosed please find our mites in the interest thereof. Yours truly, ALERT LEVY and others.

Send Them Along. To the Editor of The Evening World: orniemen's Sons of the Thirteenthward. Headquarters Wertheider's Hall, \$1 Norfolk

The Desire for the Deed.

thousand more if I had the time to get the signatures. I heartly indorse your good work. Truly yours, R. D. SCHELL. 202 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, March 23.

Dectors Heard From. To the Editor of The Evening World:
Inclosed please find list of signatures to peti-

on to the Board of Aldermen, &c. Hoping that you may have success in this matter, I am, very respectfully. Cmas. W. MILLER, M.D. 331 Madison avenue, New York, March 23.

Men-of-War to the Rescue.

To the Editor of The Evening World: Inclosed you will find your "petition" slip in Inclosed you will find your 'petition' sup indorsed by myself and others. We recognize the fact that if we don't have the Polo Grounds we will not be able to see many games this coming season. Hoping that you will succeed in this as you have in all other undertakings, we are, with THE ETENING WORLD IN everything, yours, &c., JOHN B. I. KELLY.

U. S. S. Minnesota, New York City, March 24.

From Brooklyn. to the Editor of The Evening World: I hope you will be successful in your under-taking in saving the New York Polo Grounds. If you receive Brooklyn names, please send me slips and I will get you fifty well-known people here in Brooklyn. Respectfully, Master ALEERY PALMERI, the Boy Humorist, 691 Myrtle avenue.

To the Editor of The Evening World: Inclosed find names for petition. You will ob serve we live right in the neighborhood. If any one has a right to kick in relation to the ground being a nuisance we have, but we don't. The Polo Grounds must stay.

CHAS. S. WILSON, 32 East One Hundred and Eleventh street.

On Their Old Stamping-Ground. To the Editor of the Frencing World.

Enclosed find alip from EVENING WORLD CO. taining names and addresses. Save the Polo Grounds. Let us enjoy the National game this season on the old grounds.

Always with THE WORLD,

347 West Thirty-fifth street.

The Aldermen in Secret Session. The Aldermanic Committee on Public Works went into secret session at 2 o'clock, and at the hour of going to press are still debating the Polo Grounds question.

LICKED THE HOUSE DOCTOR

STUDENT WIRT COMES OUT AHEAD IN A ROW WITH DR. NORFLEET.

A strapping match, in which House Physician L. E. Norfleet, of the Sloans Maternity Hospital, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, is an absorbing topic of interest among those conpected with the latter institution.

Wirt, who is a stocky young fellow, with good.

Academy, and now a member of the Senior Class at College, was assigned to duty last week Hospital, it being the custom for the students to

take turns at this for practice.

He was not received very kindly by Dr. Norfleet, whose prejudice against him was still further strengthened by Wirt's criticisms of his

further strengthened by Wirt's criticisms of his treatment of some of the patients at the hospital.

On Friday Wirt reported for duty at 9 o'clock as usual, and was told by the boy at the door that Dr. Norfleet would not be ready for him for half an hour. He went away, saying that he had some work to attend to at the College building, which is next door, and would return within the time stated.

When he got back he found Dr. Norfleet in a very excited state of mind, The conversation is reported at the College as follows:

'Why weren't you here on time, as you were directed to be '' asked the House Physician, Wirt tried to explain, but the other wouldn't give him an opportunity.

'I'll teach you to obey the rules of this institution, he said. 'You won't get my signature to your ticket this week, and you can get out of here as quick as you can.

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"Come, get out or I'll have you put out," retorted Dr. Norfleet.

You're a cowardly brute," retorted Wirt, and I'll stay here as long as I please." Dr. Norfleet at this ran into a side room and came out with a good-sized cane. He made a rush at Wirt who was standing on the doorstep on Fifty-ninth street and struck at him with the stick. Is broke over Wirt's arm.

The latter's dander was now up and catching the doctor by the throat with his left hand he let out his right with such great execution upon the doctor's phig that when the Evenino World reporter called at the hospital this morning the marks of the upper cuts were still visible.

Dr. Norfleet has nothing to say except that he had nothing to do with the Faculty of the College, who are investigating the case. The probability is that Wirt will be exonerated, as his provocation was strong. on was strong.

Wiseman and Gallagher Fight a Draw. George Wiseman, of Brooklyn, and Dan Gallagher, unknown, of Greenpoint, fought four evening. One hundred Brooklyn sporting men were present, and they made so much noise that the proprietor was forced to stop the mill before it was completed. A purse of \$150 had been subscribed and it was divided between the two men when Tom Weich called the fight a draw. They will most again within a fortnight.

Fell Overboard and Was Drowned. James Ward, thirty-two years old, residence unknown, while working on the steamer'Athos. of the Atlas line at Pier 6 North River, this morning fell overboard and was drowned. The body has not yet been recovered.

Heavy Assignment of Builders.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
IMPRESING, Mich., March 25.—The building firm of Wahlman & Grip, the largest in Northern Michigan, has made an assignment. The lia-bilities are about \$150,000; assets unknown.

The funeral services over the remains of Augustus W. Meurer, sexton of Trinity Church,

were held at that church to-day, the Rev. Morgan Dix officiating. Wheat on the Black Sea. PUT CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION. | LONDON, March 25, -Navigation has opened

at Nicolaieff, on the Black Sea, and wheat has begun to move. John Bright has another relapse, and is in a Prison contractors in New Jersey refuse to re-new their contract under the law which requires goods to be isbelled with the prison mark. The famous Verrugas Hailroad bridge in Peru is swept away by a great flood.

The old ferry-boat, George Law, strands on the bar off Atlantic City and is in danger of go-ing to pieces. Thirty-five boy inmates of the Cincinnati House of Refuge arm themselves with baseball bats and make a break for liberty.

GEN. LONGSTREET SAYS, "We sent out to gether all the silk dresses in the Confederacy to make a balloon." See particulars in the short history of Our Heroes in Dunn's Tunn.

Men and the Raft.

Seen in Distress on Tuesday.

Was Not That of the Conserva.

Colorado, of the Mallory line, is still unsettled

Officer Risk, from the bridge, saw a white object dancing up and down on the ocean's swell. He thought it was an overturned lifeboat. The Colorado changed her course and bore down upon it. Soon it was made out to be a life-

were taken aboard the Colorado. Their faces were bloated and blue from contact with the salt water. One looked like a mulatto. He was tall and well made. The other was smaller and looked like a Malay.

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a silver plate bore the name of the builder, Capt. Jonathan Cone, Builder, Wilmington, Del. That is absolutely the only clue to the identity of the lost vessel.

That a vessel had been lost was very evident to those on board the Colorado, for four miles along her course after picking up the dead bodies she encountered wreckage such as sofas, cabin doors of polished wood, an extension table, &c.

Capt. Daniels and his chief officer came to the conclusion that the lost vessel was the Conserva—lately the Madrid—which sailed from this port last Tuesday, bound for Samana. She had twenty-three men all told aboard, among them Malays and a mulatto.

Henry R. Kunhardt, of 32 Beaver street, who fitted out the Conserva, said to an Evenne World proporter this morning.

"I am satisfied personally that the lost vessel was not the Conserva after reading the account of the disaster in this morning; the account of the disaster in this morning; the account of the disaster in this morning the account of the furnishings of the Conserva. She had no sofas on board. Neither were her doors of polished wood. There were no extension tables on board either," he concluded.

C. P. Kunhardt, a brother of the gentleman above quoted, was on the Conserva as purser. He was and, if the Conserva is still above water, is an unmarried young man, with a home in this city.

congerva, ine lost cone was circulated by the sailors on board the steamship Athos, which arrived this morning from Port Simon.

They say that on Tuesday last, in latitude 36, 48, longitude 73,01, they spoke the British ship Wedmandle with a heavy list to starboard, and her decks nearly flush with the water, displaying signals of distress.

She was en route from New Orleans to Rouen, France. She asked to be reported by telegraph to Lloyds.

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Those on board the Athes think new that the Wadmandle foundered later on, and that it was her raft which the Colorado found.

The two men who were taken from the raft were buried at sea.

There was nothing found on either that would establish their identity.

OFFENSIVE PARTISANS SAFE NO MORE OF THEM TO LOSE POST-OFFICES

FOR THE PRESENT.

ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD, I WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25,-There will be no more postmasters removed for offensive par-

number of Republican Congressman are dea number of Republican Congressman are decidedly angry at the decision, which was made public this morning.

It was generally supposed that Congressman Payson's Pontiac case would be a precedent, but Mr. Wanamaker told half a dozen anxious ones that he had taked the matter over with the President since that removal and they had decided to call a halt at once.

PHIL DALY'S ASSAILANTS.

into a Fourth avenue flat last November for the purpose of killing and robbing him, were arraigned before Judge Martine in the Court of General Sessions this afternoon for trial, on the charge of robbery and assault in the first de-

charge of rootery and assault in the test gree.

They were permitted to plead guilty to a charge of grand larceny in the second degree, and were remanded for sentence until a week from to-morrow. They may receive a sentence of from two to five years.

The men who conspired with them to "do" the old gambier were sent to Sing Sing some time ago.

STOPPING SUNDAY CONCERTS NOW,

Supt. Murray to-day issued an order to all po lice captains to notify all holders of concert and excise licenses that, according to the recent decision of Judge Daniels in the matter of the Cercle de l'Harmonie ball, they must keep their places closed on Sunday.

They cannot, he instructs the captains, even

Ex-Representative Mahouey Worse.

Mr. Phillips Files His Resignation. Board, to-day filed his resignation with Mayo Grant, agreeable to the request of the Mayor

Warden Osborne Very Ill. Warden Osborne of the Tombs, who went to Thomasville, Ga., a few weeks ago, and was attacked with pneumonia, is dangerously ill, and lire Osborne was telegraphed for to-day.

A Celebrated Coulist Dond. [by cashs to the passs news association.] London, March 25.—Prof. Donders, the oc brated equiist, is dead at Utrocht.

BOSTON'S PRIDES. SUICIDE BY FIRE. EXPLOSION.

Get Together To-Day.

Perhaps the British Ship Wedmandle, Smiles Wreathe the Face of Director Slowly Roasting to Death Without a Conant as the Boys File In.

Never Did Before.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WOBLD.] Boston, March 25, -Director Conant was on hand this morning at the Association gymnasium, bright and early, to welcome the boys back for the season of 1889. John Morrill was the first to show up and he

got to work at once. Madden and Ray were the next to make their

Madden and Ray were the next to make their appearance.
Clarkson and Kelly got around in good season and "The Only "changed his rig for a gymnasium suit and went to work as he never did before, in a way that made the director smile as sweetly as a like bush.
Charley Bennett came strolling in, looking quiet and healthy and "fit to go on the field at once," as he said.
Dick Johnson was a little late, but looked well and said he was not "stuck on indoor sork."
Dan Brouthers was the last to arrive. He was looking well, and shook hands with the boys all around. Dan'sW inter exercise in building houses and chopping wood has kept the fat off, and he looks like a racer.
Quinn, Nash, Bowders, Ganzel and Radbourn did not show up in the morning, but some of them are expected later in the day.

DAY CAN DISPEL THE DARK

BUT JUST NOW JOHN WARD CAN'T TELL HIMSELF WHERE HE WILL PLAY.

John Ward is as much in the dark concerning his future movements as is the general public. The truth is the whole matter rests for the

great part with John B. Day. Yesterday Ward had a long talk with Presi dent Hewitt, of Washington, but the latter failed to get muchencouragement from the interview Unless his offer of \$5,000 for the season considerably increased it is probable that Ward will remain right here in New York.

No one believes, not even Ward himself, that Mr. Day would listen for a moment to talk of his going to Boston. That club is strong enough already, and apparently they don't care enough for Ward's services as captain to go down very deep into their pockets.

In regard to the classification rule, Ward said this morning that he had not a much clearer

understanding of its meaning now than he had month ago. Said he: "I haven't been able to get a copy of the scheme so far, and I don't know where to send for one; but from what I learned of the law while abroad, and from what I have heard since my arrival here. I have come to the conclusion that the law must be either very cleverly or a very loosely worded one. Just what the 'moral obligation' clause means I should like to know. I have never yet observed any great moral obligations practised by baseball managers.

"I understand that Mr. Day has exempted the members of his Club from classification. That lets them out; but what about the ball-players that are to come?

"The whole thing looks to me now very much like a clever scheme which will serve to materially decrease the salaries of ball-players from this time on. Mind, I don't say that positively, but that is how it looks to me with my present knowledge of the subject." scheme so far, and I don't know where to send

knowledge of the subject."

Ward has brought home with him a large and varied collection of curious souvenirs of his trip.
Emus' eggs, an elephant's foot, handsomely mounted; curiously carved canes, the beautiful tail of a lyre bird, quaint and gaudy headgear, tusks, coins, gems and photographs galore are among the thiuss which have been already unpacked. And, in spite of his three trunks, John had to leave many of his things behind him to be brought on by others of the Spalding party whose trunks were larger than their collections of mementoes. of memeatoes.
''I've had a splendid time abroad." said
Johnnie. 'but 'Home, Sweet Home, 'beats the

BOSTON DIRECTORS DENY THIS.

The Story That William H. Rogers Is t Manage Their '89 Team.

Boston, March 25.-A despatch from Provi dence says it is stated there to-day on substan tial authority that the manager of the Boston League term for the present season will be Willam H. Rogers, for three years past in charge of the ticket-sellers and at the head of the financial department at the grounds of the Boston Club. Hogers is a relative of President Soden, and for a long time has been interested with Frank Sancroft as manager of the latter's polo team with a success that bespoke a careful and praise worthy management.

Directors Soden and Billings deny, however that he has been appointed manager here.

Catcher Sommers Sold to Chicago BOSTON, March 25.—President Soden was offered \$500 to-day from the Chicago Club for Catcher Sommers. After consulting with

Director Billings a few moments President Soden wired Walter Spalding that they would accept the offer and would wire Nick Young at once to release the player. safe Hirs to the Right.

Both the New York and Brooklyn clubs took open air exercise this morning.

The General committee on the Spalding reception held a meeting this afternoon, and prepared a suggestive report, which is to be submitted to Mr. A. G. Mills this evening. Al Spalding and his then-returned tourists will, by special invitation of Col. McCaull, occupy the boxes at Palmer's Theatre Saturday evening, April 6, to witness the performance of "The May Queen."

John Ward wishes it denied that he made the remark credited to him in which he is accused of speaking slightingly of Ed Crane's work in the box. He says that as soon as Ed recovered from his sunstroke, he pitched as good ball as he ever did. May Have to Stand Trial for Murder. John Kessler, who kept the saloon No. 67 East Houston street, and who was thrown down

East notation street, and who was shrown down the cellar stairs by his wife. Fannie, during a quarrel two weeks ago, died yesterday at St. Vincent's Hospital, where he had been confined since he received his injuries. Mrs. Rossler was arrested at the time and is still a prisoner in the Tombs. An autopsy will determine whether or not Mrs. Ressler is responsible for the death of her husband. Evening Pastime. Are you reading the absorbingly interesting story that the Morning World is now publish-

Slight Clues Furnished by the Dead | The Bean-Eating Ball-Tossers of '89 | An Aged Insane Negress Makes a Bonfire of Herself.

Agent Kunhardt Says the Wreckage The Only Kelly Takes to Work as He A Tragedy Which Startled Sullivan Street This Morning.

> Smoke and fire, issuing from the front windows of the top story of a little two-story brick house at 1 Sullivan street, attracted the attention of passers-by in that vicinity at

7.20 o'clock this morning.
Policeman Hogan, of the Prince Street Station was quickly notified, and to send an alarm was but the work of a moment. Half a dozen engines responded and hose was quickly stretched.

A moment later another call was sent out, but this time for an ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital, for it became necessary to remove the half-charred body of a woman to the care of the doctors.

She was Elizabeth Nicholas, an old colored woman of some sixty years. She lived intwo small rooms on the top floor, earning a pre-carious living by taking ip washing, doing as much as her feeble health would allow. For some time past she has been acting queerly. Last night she became possessed with the idea that Dr. Davton, the dentist who occupied the first floor, had been locked up.

who occupied the first floor, had been locked up.

She spoke to the officer on post several times about it, for she wanted his help. She was very sick, she told the policeman, and didn't think she would live long.

When Policeman Hogan and the fireman burst into the little rooms this morning they were horrified to find the old lady sitting bolt upright in a chair. Her clothing was a mass of flame, and the smell of burning flesh was sickening. sickening.

Not a murmur escaped the lips of the insane woman, as she sat calmly in the chair, and the dentist's folks down stairs never

heard anything unusual.

A half-consumed bed mattress lay on the floor beside her, showing that she bad wrapped this around her and then set fire to it. What motive she could have had is a matter of conjecture.

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When the old lady wanted any water or
wood she was in the habit of ranping on the
floor for the doctor, who always kindly performed these services. But she made no
sound this morning.

Father Daly of St. Alphonsus's Church, on
South Fifth Avenue, was called in and he administered the last sacraments to her. The
old lady was fearfully burned and died two
hours after being brought to the hospital.

THERE'S LIKELY TO BE A PRETTY QUAY-WANAMAKER QUARREL OVER IT.

ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. Wanamaker and the astute Quay are not of one mind as to who shall be Philadelphia's Postnaster for the next four years, and this after noon it looks as though there would be a real

quarrel over the matter. It is certain that Quay indorsed William R. Leeds, and it is no less sure that Wanamaker, without consulting the little Pennsylvania Senator, has offered the place to John Field. Quay was at the Post-Office Department shortly after 1 o'clock with blood in his eye, but Wanamaker had gone to Justice Matthews's

undoubtedly appoint him without regard for Quay's feelings.

Quay said this afternoon that Wanamaker had no more right to appoint the Postmaster at Philadelphia without consulting the Ponnaylvania Senators than he had to appoint the Postmaster at any other town in the United States.

It is going to be a pretty kettle of fish.

Rev. Mr. Barton, of Brooklyn, Will Stand

INPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. Washington, March 25.—If the Rev. Mr. Barton, a Presbyterian divine, of Brooklyn, wants anything in the Pension Office he cal have it for the asking. Corpl. Tanner, the new Commissioner, is responsible for that promise.

When Tanner's name was first suggested for

once became filled with charges that serious! once became filed with charges that seriously affected the Corporal's character.

They never assumed any definite form, but were ruining his chances very rapidly when Mr. Barton appeared at the White House with a good Presbyterian indersement of the Corporal. That settled the insinuations and made the Corporal's nomination a certainty. GOV. SHERMAN'S CIVIL SERVICE ASPIRATIONS.

The first avowed candidate for one of the cancies on the Civil Service Commission has acancies on the Civil Service Commission has nade his appearance. It is Gov, Sherman, of Illinois, and he has the individed support of his Congressional delega-Hepres intative Payson is pushing his case and expects to secure the appointment this week.

IRON MILLS TO BE WIPED OUT. Dwelling-Houses to Replace the Great Nor

ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. BOSTON, March 25. - The property of the Nor way Steel and Iron Works, including six acres way Steel and Iron Works, including all acres of land at South Boston, and a large amount of machinery was sold to day by private sale to J. R. Kendall, of this city.

The Company goes out of business May 1, the cost of ore making it unprofitable.

The plant, which cost \$1,000,000, will be sold in parcels by Rendall, who will tear down the building and erect houses upon the land. The price paid for the plant was about 10 per cent of the cost.

Fair, Followed by Light Rain; Cooler. WASHINGTON, March



25. — Weather indications:
For Eastern New
York — Fair, tollowed
by tight rain; cooler;
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THE WEATHER Topay. — Indicated by
Blakely's tele-thermometer:

The Street in Front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel Blown Un.

A Roaring Report and Scattering of

Paying-Stones. A Carriage Wrecked and Several

Terror and Panic Created by the Noise and Upheaval.

Persons Injured.

A tremendous explosion took place under ground at Twenty-third street and Fifth avenue shortly before noon to-day which is causing in tense excitement in the neighborhood.

The pavement on both sides of the street at the corner was ripped up and scattered in ever Heavy iron plates covering the manholes were thrown high into the air and broken to pieces by the force of the explosion, and for a considerable distance along Fifth avecue in front of the hotel the huge flagstones were overturned

and shattered. The explosion occurred at 11.40, with a report like the discharge of a cannon, and for a few seconds afterwards the air was completely filled with dust and flying fragments. There were three reports following each ther like the discharge of minute guns, only

There were three reports following each other like the discharge of minute guns, only quicker.

The manhole at the northeast corner of Twenty-third street and Fifth avenue was the first to go off.

Here the explosion was the loudest and hardest. As the huge iron plate, measuring four feet square, flew up into the sir there was a wild scattering of pedestrians and a tremendous lot of dedging done to get out of the way of the flying paying-stones.

One man, whose name could not be learned, made a wild break for the south side of Twenty-third street, but before he got there a second report was heard and the manhole on that side was flung high in the air.

He stumbled with fright, and, falling, broke several of his fingers.

A lady who was standing on the same side was prostrated by the concussion.

Then the neighborhood was startled by a third explosion, and looking in the direction of the Fifth Avenue Hotel saw the paying-stones heave upward. A cab, with Coachman Cuff on the box, was half overturned and the driver nearly thrown from his box.

Shrieks from a woman attracted the attention of all to a carriage standing near the northeast corner.

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Shrieks from a woman attracted the attention of all to a carriage standing near the northeast corner.

Before any one could reach the vehicle the woman had fainted. The back and side of the carriage had been smashed to splinters by the fiving stones, but luckily she was not hurt.

Hestoratives were administered, and when she recovered it was learned that she was Mrs. Rubenstein, of 39 East Seventy-fifth street.

The carriage was a hired one from a livery stable. The driver, Ben Hamilton, was struck on the side of the face with some of the flying dirt, but was not injured.

Policeman Raynor, of the Broadway Squad, was handing a pretty girl across the avenue when the first explosion occurred.

The girl fied, filling the sir with her shricks.
The policeman was knocked down by a plece of the iron cover, but not hurt.

Bystanders who witnessed the explosion say that the scene baffied description. Broadway and Fifth avenue is always crowded with women and it is a miracle that no one was hurt.

Their shricks could be heard for blocks as they fied in every direction, and in a few moments an immense crowd had gathered.

People from the neighboring business houses rushed out as if they expected their houses to fall down upon them.

Many thought the Fifth Avenue Hotel boilers had exploded, and guests with white faces and anxions eyes crowded the corridors in alarm.

The holes caused by the explosion would measure about ten feet square, and about the same distance deep.

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It was caused by an accumulation of illuminating gas, which exploded spontaneously. There were no live wires in the conduit, so it could not have been caused by electricity.

Commissioner Hess, of the Board of Electrical Control, said that these explosions proved conclusively that some system of ventilation would have to be devised.

He will broach the matter at the next meeting of the Board. A force of Subway workmen under the direction of Supt. of Construction Hart have taken charge of the boles.

They will not be repaired until the gas leak is found.

BOULANGER AND D'AUMALE.

The General and the Duke Did Not Speak at the Cafe Durand. BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.] PARIS, March 25 .- The Due d'Aumale and Gen. Boulanger recently visited the Cafe Durand at the same time.

Both affected to be unconscious of the other's The General took a cup of coffee and beat a

hasty retreat.

The Duke remained in the salon two hours The Duke remained in the salon two hours conversing with his friends and with some of the General's adherents who accosted him.

He said he would not object to meeting the General, and would have called upon him ere this had he not thought he was too busy with his affairs to receive an obtrusive visitor.

Gen Boulanger was interviewed later. He said he had no idea the Duke was present when he visited the Cafe Durand, but had he seen him, he was in such a hurry on pressing business that he would have had no time even to greet him. greet him.

He was glad the Duke had been permitted to return to France—in fact, he was not opposed to the return of any of the exiles.

A HAY SWINDLER WANTED.

He Has Left a Montreal Bank \$40,000 Out by His Operations. ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD,

from Montreal have been in this city looking for Patrick Fleming, a commission agent, who has ratrick rieming, a commission agent, who has done business in all the well-known New England cities, dealing principally in hay, grain and produce.

Bix weeks ago he began a series of operations by which the Banque du Peuple, of Montreal, finds itself \$40,000 behind, and no trace of Fleming or his immense purchases of hay can be found. found.

He swept the provinces with his orders for hay, buying on a basis of thirty days' cash.

PROVIDENCE, R. L. March 25 .- Detectives

Holding Indianapolis Down INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 25.—The Superior Court of Marion County this morning rendered a decision holding the acts of the recent Legislature, creating a Board of Public Works and a metropolitan police and fire system for the city of Indianapolis, to be unconstitutional. Judge Taylor (Dem.) dissented. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

A Boy's Horrible Death. ISPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD. I FREDERICK. Md., March 25.—Burns Hargett, aged twelve years, was caught by the foot and drawn between the rollers of a corp-crusher. It was two hours before the body could be released, and then it was ground up into a mere mass of flesh and bones.

ALL THE LATEST NEWS

LITTLEFELLOW WINS

The Ag-a-Men-te-Kus Handicap at Clifton To-Day.

H. McCarron, Who Was Ruled Off on Friday, Was Reinstated To-Day.

Although the Weather Was Warm It Was a Cold Day for Favorites.

CLIPTON RACE TRACK, N. J., March 25,-ft was the ninth day of the Spring meeting of the Passaie County Agricultural Association at Clifton to-day.

The weather was clear and the crowd as large

H. McCarron, who owns Savage and several other horses, was ordered to take his horses off the track for the suspicious running of Savage in the first race on Friday. On Saturday, however, the Executive Committee came to the conclusion that McCarron was not guilty and reinstated him. Singleston was the favorite for the first race,

but Savage, with the odds of 10 to 1 against him, won easily. His running was vastly different to that on Friday, which makes that race still have a suspicious look. Isis was the tip for the second race, but could not get a place, Belmont, who was well backed, winning from the start.

The real good thing for the third race was supposed to be Herman, and he was backed of the boards. The best thing he could do, however, was to run third to Satisfaction and Gracie.

FIRST BACK. Purse \$250, for beaten horses; selling allow-Purse was on mile. incest one mile. isvage, 105.
Eftle Hardy, 107.
Singlestone, 107. .(Carson) i

Addison.

The Hace.—Savage was the first to show at the start, but soon gave way to Kanta. On the backstretch Singlestone made his run and led to the stone wall, where he quit badly; Savage then drew away and won easily by two lengths from Effic Hardy, who was four lengths in front of Singlestone. of Singlestone.

Betting—10 to 1 against Savage to win, 3 to 1 for a place, and 5 to 3 on Effic Hardy for a place. Mutuels paid: Straight, 432.75; for a place, \$9,25. Effic Hardy paid \$3.60.

BECOND BACE.

Purse \$250; selling allowances; seven fur

Ag-a-Meu-te-Kus handicap, purse \$500; one

PIPTH BACE. Bill Bond won, with Palatka second and Ernest third. Time 1.52. English Racing.

SEPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD, LONDON, March 25.—The racing season began to-day at Lincoln. The principal event was the Batthyany Handicap of £600, at about five furlongs. It was won by Lord Dudley's three-year-old bay filly Poem, by Petrarch, out of Silver Iting. At Guttenburg To-Merrow.

NORTH HUDSON DRIVING PARE, N. J., March 25.-Here are the Guttenburg entries for Tuesday, March 26:
First Race—Purse &200; for maidens; six and one-half uriouge. — John Keyes. 119; Monians. 116; (ilimer. 113; Bennie Park filly, 106; Kais. 100; Hesnlook, 100; Kov Then. 100; King Alfonso 619; 100; Hollowood 17; lb.
Sacond Hace—Purse \$200, selling allowances; five-sighths of a mile.—Faster, 146; Lomax. 136; Fendensie. 124; Ban Hope, 122; Hailstone 122; Pendensie. 124; Ban Hope, 122; Hailstone 122; Pendensie. 116; Robel Soudt, 116; Besidwances: five-sighths of a mile.—Harry Brown, 121; John Fun. 121; Ross. 121; Roy Hop, 116; Lagarders, 118; Venesance, 116; Jun Bradt, 116; Bradburg, 116; Frankie S., 116; Roundsman, 116; Burgundia, 114; Bridget Kaston, 114; Jun. Tuesday, March 26: Roundaman, 110; Bargundia, 114; Bridget Koston, 114; b.
Fourth Race—Purse 3300; one mile,—Carnegie, 120; i.
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King B., 117; Tunis, 117; Windsall, 115; Tention, 110; Saitor, 110, Mentor, 107; Weaver, 107; Compensation, 107; Ecline 106; Melweod, 9b; b.
Firth Race—Purse 3200; selling allowances; seven-eights of a mile—Zero, 113; Froile, 113; Sarton, 113; Vigilant, 113; Provence, 113; Columbina, 110; Commotion, 110; Saluda, 106; Sita, 105; Cart, sell 104; Maxis, 103; b.
Sixth Race—Purse 3200; selling allowances; sevenseightiss of a mile—Deanybrook, 119; Volatile, 113; Rassanlo, 111; Comus, 109; Anita, 109; Trassurry, 108; Johnsie E., 108; Mass, 106; Ropudiater, 105; Guess, 104; b.

TAUBENHAUS WINS THE FIRST GAME.

Taubenhaus, of Paris, won the first game in the Chess Congress at 8 Union square this after-McLood, of Quebec, was his unsuccessful op-

Rapenscheld's Huts-"Spring Stric

ponent.

There are twenty-five members in our club, who will sign the petition in the Evening World with the greatest pleasure if required. Yours

to the Editor of the Evening World: 1 inclose a few names for retaining the Polo short history of Our Heroes in 1 grounds for another year. I could make it a mr Cross Cur Croanzers. ***

The identity of the vessel to which belonged the two men who were found dead on a life raft 180 miles south of New York, by the steamer The steamer Colorado came direct from Galveston, and about noon on Saturday Chief

raft with two dead men aboard. The bodies

There was no ship's name on the life raft, but

is an unmarried young man, with a home in this city.

There were many speculations in maritime circles this morning as to what vessel, if not the Congerva, the lost boat could possibly have been.

tisanship. So says Postmaster-General Wanamaker, and

Addie Davis and Ella Hammend to Be Tried for Grand Larceny. Blonde-haired Addie Davis and gray-haired Ells Hammond, indicted with Ed Meredith and Henry Hermann for enticing Gambler Phil Daly

Police to Enforce the Bine Law Agains Them Next Sunday.

open their doors on Sunday without Hability to arrest, and they cannot give a sacred concert on Sunday, even if they have an amusement license. This order is to be rigidly enforced next Sun-WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Ex-Repre sentative Mahoney has been in a semi-comaton condition nearly all day and may die at any

Secretary Lee Phillips, of the Civil-Service mage some days ago.
His successor, Gunther K. Ackerman, business manager of the Star, was appointed and took the oath of office this afternoon.

ing entitled "A Voyage to Mars?" It is a won-derful account of life on another planet; every-body is talking about it. Commence reading it to-morrow (see synoptis of preceding chapters in this issue). It beats going to the theatra.

THE QUAKER POST-OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.-The saintly

Quay will have an interview this evening, and if Wanamaker insists on appointing Field the fur will fiv.

Friends of Field say that Wanamaker will undoubtedly appoint him without regard for One's feelings.

THE CORPORAL WILL REMEMBER HIM.

the place the air around the White House a

way Works at Beston.